



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

PROCUREMENT AGENDA ITEM

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Award of Construction Contract for the Purisima Pond Restoration Project

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Award a contract to Old La Honda General Engineering of La Honda, CA, for the Purisima Pond Restoration Project for a not-to-exceed base amount of \$119,679.
2. Authorize an allowance in the amount of \$15,972 for the potential import of engineered fill material.
3. Authorize a contingency of 15% in the amount of \$17,952 to be reserved for unanticipated issues, bringing the total-not-to-exceed contract amount to \$153,603.

DISCUSSION

Purisima Pond is a 0.21-acre stock pond located within the Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve. The pond's earthen berm was damaged due to erosion from overtopping during the winter storms of 2022/2023 and repairs are required to maintain its full functionality. The pond supports conservation grazing activities within the Lobitos Ridge and Elkus Ranch Uplands (Lobitos) conservation grazing unit by providing a water source for cattle. The pond also supports a population of federally-threatened California red-legged frog. The repairs will protect critical habitat while maintaining a water source for coastal conservation grazing.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) financial assistance has been approved to fund the Purisima Pond Restoration Project (Project). The Project must be completed by January 14, 2027 to be eligible for FEMA funding reimbursement. The current proposed schedule indicates construction will be completed by October 2026.

The Project consists of repairing the erosional damage to the face of the Purisima Pond earthen berm, restoring the berm to its original state and reestablishing full functionality of the berm and pond. The repairs consist of dewatering the impounded pond, removal of unsuitable and unstable material, establishing suitable subgrade, utilizing an estimated 60 cubic yards of on-site fill material to repair the feature, and returning the pond berm to its intended functionality. The repairs are limited to addressing the damages caused by the FEMA declared disaster storm event

of winter 2022/2023 and do not include repairs to address the cause of the pond exceeding its carrying capacity and overtopping the berm. A follow-up project will be completed in summer 2028 to further stabilize and improve the pond and address excessive recharge.

BUDGET / FISCAL IMPACT

The current fiscal year budget for project 61050 Restoration – Purisima Pond contains:

- ☒ sufficient funds.
- ☐ insufficient funds; the next quarterly budget update will include a reallocation of funds to cover this expenditure.
- ☐ insufficient funds; approval of this item requires a fiscal year budget augmentation.
- ☐ future fiscal year budgets will include additional funds to complete the contracted work.

Measure AA

- ☒ No, this contract is not part of a Measure AA project.
- ☐ Yes, this contract is part of a Measure AA project.

PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND SELECTION

On June 4, 2026, a Request for Bids (RFB) was issued via BidNet, released to the San Francisco Builders Exchange, Builders' Exchange of Santa Clara and sent directly to qualified contractors. Legal notices were posted in the San Jose Mercury News and San Mateo County Times, and a link to the solicitation was posted on the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) website. Two mandatory pre-bid site tours were held on June 11 and June 18, 2026, with 7 contractor representatives in attendance.

The District received and publicly opened three bids on July 14, 2026. Santa Cruz Mountain General Engineering was announced as the apparent low bidder at the bid opening. However, after further review of the bids, District staff determined that Santa Cruz Mountain General Engineering's bid is nonresponsive for failure to provide a completed Bidders Questionnaire. Therefore, Old La Honda General Engineering was determined to be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. Old La Honda General Engineering has successfully completed several recent similar projects for the District, including the Lower Turtle Pond Spillway Enhancement Project in La Honda Open Space Preserve. The detailed breakdown of bids received is as follows.

Contractor	Location	Total Base Bid	Percent Over/Under Cost Estimate of \$145,000
Santa Cruz Mountain General Engineer	Salinas, CA	\$98,990	-32%
Old La Honda General Engineering	La Honda, CA	\$119,679	-17%
Fees Trucking and Construction	Pixley, CA	\$121,000	-18%

Due to the unknown characteristics and suitability of native on-site soils scheduled for use as repair material, an allowance in the amount of \$15,972 is being recommended for the potential

need to import engineered fill material suitable for dam and levee use. Additionally, the General Manager recommends a 15% contingency for unforeseen conditions.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION SUPPORTING THE PROJECT

January 8, 2025: The Board approved a contract with Balance Hydrologics to provide environmental and design services for the Project. ([R-25-06](#), [Meeting Minutes](#))

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

The potential environmental impacts for the proposed work of the Project were evaluated in the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Open Space Maintenance and Restoration Program (OSMRP) prepared under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which was certified by the Board on September 22, 2021 ([R-21-126](#)).

NEXT STEPS

If approved, a contract for construction services will be executed with Old La Honda General Engineering. Work is scheduled to begin in August and completed by the end of October 2026.

Attachment

1. Location Map

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1. LocationMap

Stream	---	Trail	■	Incorporated Places (City, Town)
— Perennial	- - -	Abandoned / Unmaintained Road	■	Waterbody
- - - Intermittent		Abandoned / Unmaintained Trail	■	■ Active Pond
Trail	—	Road Centerline	■	■ Active Wetland
— Paved Road	—	— Highway	■	■ Former Pond
— Unpaved All-Season Road	—	— Major Arterial	■	■ Preserve Boundary
— Unpaved Seasonal Road	—	— Local	■	

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